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<i>Filing Date</i>	January 4, 2002
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	ISHIMOTO, et al.
<i>Art Unit</i>	2622
<i>Examiner Name</i>	AGGARWAL, Y.K.
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	81784.0247

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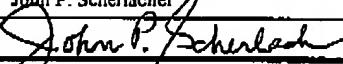
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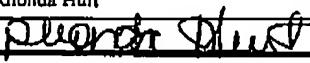
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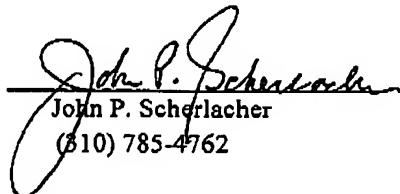
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